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NASHVILLE – Gov. Don Sundquist along with Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Michael Magill today announced the grand opening of the Tennessee Career Center at Robertson County, noting the aim of the comprehensive employment center system to serve both employers and workers.

“These centers are where people connect with jobs and employers find qualified workers,” Sundquist announced. “The centers are the cornerstone of our Workforce Development initiative with the goal of making Tennessee’s labor force the best in the nation.”

Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Michael E. Magill addressed the crowd at Monday’s ceremony. “The Tennessee Career Center at Robertson County brings together a wide array of services at one location. It truly exemplifies the One-Stop concept,” Magill explained.

“In the past, employment efforts have been too scattered and have too often left out the employer’s needs. The new network of Tennessee Career Centers are changing that and will provide one central place to meet employment needs.”

The Career Center, which addresses the workforce development needs of the community, is the result of a partnership between the Departments of Labor and Workforce Development, Human Services, Adult Education, and WorkForce Essentials, Administrator for Title I Workforce Investment Act region eight.

“WorkForce Essentials is very pleased that the State, County and North Tennessee Workforce Board have shown confidence in us by entrusting to us the planning and daily administration of workforce investment funded activities in our local workforce

investment area. We believe this Career Center is a real asset to the citizens and businesses in Robertson County, and we are proud to be a part of it,” said Ross Jackson, President and CEO of WorkForce Essentials, Inc.

Edgar Groves, chairman of the North Tennessee Workforce Board said, “It took a great deal of commitment from Tennessee Commissioners Magill and Metcalf, County Executive Roy Apple and the Robertson County NTWB members to make this happen. It shows what can be done when people work together.”

Note: Media coverage is invited.

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